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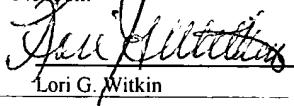


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Sir:

In response to the Official Action dated November 17, 2005, please amend this patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 2 of this Response.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 9 of this Response and include a replacement sheet (see appendix following page 10 of this response).

Remarks begin on page 10 of this Response.